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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS**:

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a <u>first</u> sensor to detect at least one of a magnetic field and an electrical field, the <u>first</u> sensor comprising first outputs to that output <u>first</u> sensor signals when a field is detected;

a <u>first</u> signal modulator <u>to receive</u> that receives <u>first</u> sense signals that correspond to the <u>first</u> sensor signals <u>from the first sensor</u>, the <u>first</u> signal modulator having first and second control states, wherein in the first control state, the <u>first</u> signal modulator <u>is configured to output outputs</u> the <u>first</u> sense signals, and, wherein in the second control state, the <u>first</u> signal modulator <u>is configured to output outputs</u> inverted <u>first</u> sense signals; <u>and</u>

a device <u>configured to receive and process</u> that <u>receives and processes</u> the <u>first</u> sense signals or the <u>first</u> inverted sense signals;

a second sensor to detect at least one of a magnetic field and an electrical field, the second sensor comprising second outputs to output second sensor signals when a field is detected; and

a second signal modulator to receive second sense signals that correspond to the second sensor signals from the second sensor, the second signal modulator having the first and second control states, wherein in the first control state, the second signal modulator is configured to output the second sense signals, and, wherein in the second control state, the second signal modulator is configured to output the inverted second sense signals;

wherein the device is configured to receive and process the second sense signals or the second inverted sense signals.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the <u>first</u> sensor <u>and the second</u> sensor comprise comprises a Hall sensors sensor.
  - 3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

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an a <u>first</u> operational transconductance amplifier between the <u>first</u> sensor and the <u>first</u> signal modulator, the <u>first</u> operational transconductance amplifier to generate generating the <u>first</u> sense signals from the first sensor signals; and

a second operational transconductance amplifier between the second sensor and the second signal modulator, the second operational transconductance amplifier to generate the second sense signals from the second sensor signals.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim  $\underline{1}$  [[11]], wherein the  $\underline{\text{first}}$  signal modulator and the second signal modulator are connected in parallel.
  - 5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:a <u>first</u> control logic circuit in communication with the <u>first</u> signal modulator; <u>and</u>
  - a second control logic circuit in communication with the second signal modulator.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the <u>first and the second</u> signal <u>modulator is modulators are</u> controlled by a digital control word input to the <u>corresponding ones</u> <u>of the</u> control logic <u>circuits eireuit</u>.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim  $\underline{1}$  [[11]], wherein the  $\underline{\text{first}}$  sensor and the second sensor are arranged in a plane.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the <u>first</u> sensor, the second <u>sensor</u> and the plural sensors are arranged in rows and columns that are orthogonal.
  - 9. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a system comprised of: plural sensors to detect at least one of a magnetic field and an electrical field, each of the plural sensors comprising outputs that to output sensor signals when a field is detected;

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plural signal modulators that to receive sense signals that correspond to sensor signals from corresponding ones of the plural sensors, each of the plural signal modulators having first and second control states, wherein in the first control state, each signal modulator is configured to output outputs sense signals, and, wherein in the second control state, each signal modulator is configured to output outputs inverted sense signals; and

a device to receive and process that receives and processes the sense signals or the inverted sense signals, the method comprising:

reading and storing a first system signal from the device in a case that the system is in a first configuration;

changing a configuration of the system to a second configuration that is different from the first configuration;

reading and storing a second system signal from the device when the system is in the second configuration (K2); and

performing an arithmetic operation using the first system signal and the second system signal.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein after reading and storing the second system signal but before performing the arithmetic operation, the method further comprises:

changing a configuration of the system and reading and storing additional system signals corresponding to changes in the configuration;

wherein the arithmetic operation is performed using the additional system signals.

## 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising: plural sensors to detect at least one of a magnetic field and an electrical field, each of the

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plural sensors comprising outputs to that output sensor signals when a field is detected;

plural signal modulators to that receive sense signals that correspond to sensor signals from corresponding ones of the plural sensors, each of the plural signal modulators having the first and second control states, wherein in the first control state, each signal modulator is configured to output outputs sense signals, and, wherein in the second control state, each signal modulator is configured to output outputs inverted sense signals;

wherein the device <u>is configured to receive and process</u> receives and processes the sense signals or the inverted sense signals.

- 13. (New) The system of claim 2, wherein the Hall sensors comprise silicon sensors.
- 14. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein performing the arithmetic operation comprises using a trigonometric function.